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For the first time ever face-to-face classes at Concordia were cancelled for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester. Photo Credit: Victoria Turcios



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Coronavirus Cancels Italy Travel Seminar

BY ISABELLA D’BURKE

While the coronavirus spreads itself throughout the world, nine Concordia students are affected as their spring break travel seminar to Italy is canceled. The nine students and their two advisors were going to leave for Italy February 29th and come back March 8th, but their trip was abruptly canceled three days before departure as the CDC issued a Level 3 Travel Health Notice. The group was set to go to Sorrento, Naples, and Rome.

According to the Johns Hopkins University tracker, the coronavirus has infected more than 310,000 people globally and caused nearly 13,500 deaths. In Italy, specifically, the cases have risen to 46,638 and 5,476 dead as of Sunday. Italy is now the first country in Europe to put the whole country under lockdown. Even the streets of Rome are empty as Italy’s government has ordered all shops, bars, and restaurants across the country close. Following the lockdown, masses of Roman residents formed lines outside supermarkets to stockpile food. Not only that, but inmates at more than two dozen Italian prisons have rioted against the lockdown as it has caused restrictions on family visits and other containment measures. Six died after breaking into the infirmary and overdosing on methadone.

This coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, originated in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. COVID-19 is actually the third novel coronavirus we have encountered over the past two decades. The first, SARS-CoV (SARS), was discovered in 2003, and the second, MERS-CoV (MERS) was found ten years later. There have been 8,000 cases and 800 deaths related to SARS and 2,494 cases of MERS with 900 documented deaths. Coronaviruses like SARS, MERS, and COVID-19 originate from animals, bats being considered natural hosts of these viruses. But, SARS was transmitted to humans from civet cats, and MERS was transmitted to humans from camels.

In the U.S., as of March 22nd, there have been 24,300 total coronavirus cases and 340 have died. COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, specifically to people who are within about 6 feet of each other or from ingesting particles from an infected person’s cough or sneeze. COVID-19 symptoms are similar to those of a cold or the flu; fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The CDC says that the best way to protect yourself from the virus is to wash your hands frequently and avoid close contact with those infected.

Ghost Ship Appears

BY ALEXANDRIA GOSEN

Storm Dennis had been ravaging England, Wales, and Ireland, but amongst the storm, a mysterious ship appeared on Ireland’s shore. It was discovered by a jogger passing by in Ballycott. This 250 ft. vessel, once known as the MV Alta, was abandoned in October 2018 in the South East of the Bermuda Triangle. The MV Alta drifted thousands of miles within the last year.

Once a cargo ship, the Alta was built in 1976, and it’s last crew abandoned ship during a trip from Greece to Haiti after a power outage. This outage led to the Alta drifting 1,300 miles in a little over two weeks. The Coast Guard rescued ten crew members, and the ship was completely abandoned. Plans of recovering the ship were abandoned. According to *The Guardian*, this ship was brought to Guyana and hijacked. However, when it was rediscovered in the Atlantic, August 2019, the ship was reportedly crewless at that time.

Over the past year, this ghost ship has been spotted traveling past the African Coast, Spanish Coast, and English Coast before its arrival in Ireland. The Cork City Council stated that the ship is, “on a dangerous and inaccessible stretch of coastline and is in an unstable condition.”

Examiners and experts have labeled this as a one in a million chance, and most have never seen anything like this before. Though the wreckage has been labeled as not a pollution threat, there is reported to be sealed containers on the ship filled with oil and other materials needed for the ship’s original operation that need to be removed to prevent any potential environmental damage. An unnamed person has come forward as the owner of the Alta. This is currently being assessed. All officials are collaborating to figure out how to proceed with the wreckage. Civilians have been asked to stay away.

Club Spotlight: Resource Room

BY KALYNN FULLER

If you have walked through the tunnel, you may have noticed a new room across the hall from the Office of Career Development dedicated to CSP clubs and organizations. Originally, this room housed the Office of Career Development until they moved. Then, the room became a storage closet for extra desks and tables. Not long after, Kimberly Newton and Jason Rahn made the decision to use this space for clubs and organizations on campus.

After the decision was finalized, Zach Wolfram, the Vice President of Finance and Clubs for Student Senate, designed and decorated the space to create a welcoming atmosphere for CSP students. Wolfram contacted marketing for the giant CSP Clubs and Organizations wall sticker, and maintenance helped him with the television and tables.

There are two offices in this room. On the right you will find the Entrepreneurship Club office, and to the left there is another office for clubs to reserve if they need a space to work. The sitting area outside is for any clubs or organizations to hold events, meetings, interviews, or to use as a place to study. Wolfram gave an example of how he uses this room by sharing that he holds his Student Senate office hours in the lounge area.

The CSP Clubs and Organizations room is open to all during tunnel hours. Every club and organization leader on campus has card access to this specific room. Wolfram wants every student to know that this is a student-based space, so feel free to come and use it!



CSP’s Resource Room. CREDIT: Kalynn Fuller

Red Lake Rosie’s Rescue Saves Mom and Puppies from Snow Dens

BY DAVINA BELLINGER

Early in February, a stray dog (later named Snowbelle), gave birth during a snowdrift to six sweet puppies in Red Lake, Minnesota. AccuWeather said that during this time, temperatures ranged from a high off 44 degrees to low of negative 5. For the last three cold weeks, she remained huddled with her puppies, even when she couldn’t produce any milk to feed them. Snowbelle and her babies were surrounded by over a foot of snow at the edge of the woods where they were found. They were spotted by a family who contacted the Red Lake Rosie’s Rescue Shelter. Team members from the shelter came and retrieved the little family. When they first came to the rescue shelter, the mother and puppies were very hungry. After a few days of care, Snowbelle was able to continue producing milk for her puppies.

The shelter determined from the puppies’ size that they must have been born in December. It’s a miracle that Snowbelle kept her babies alive for three whole weeks. Snowbelle was the third dog with litters rescued this winter by Red Lake Rescue. Since this story, the rescue shelter has raised over \$2,085 worth of donations. The story about this stray dog has been shared hundreds of times from the organization’s Facebook page, with many inquiring about adoption. All of the puppies have permanent homes as of February 22nd. This also includes the other two dog families who have been placed in amazing homes with owners that give them the love that all dogs deserve. Anyone can search for updates about this story on Rosie’s Rescue Shelter page and take a look at the adorable pups and how they are doing in their new homes.

A couple of the comments that were made from Facebook about the puppies said, “Amazing story of the strength of a momma protecting her babies (and) people helping out an animal in need,” posted Eileen Rother on Facebook. “That’s one amazing puppy mama to keep those puppies alive when it’s been so cold!!” said Kim Schreyer Cleaves. “Once again it’s a strong Mom that saves the babies!!!” Mary Paula Van Wert said. Many other comments like these were made throughout social media when the story was first released, along with news channels sharing the story about a mother’s determination to keep her babies alive.

What Sent the Boy Scouts of America into Bankruptcy?

BY RICHARD T. MAHLE

The Boy Scouts of America, which has been running for 110 years, is in hot water as sexual abuse lawsuits have come in the hundreds against the time-tested organization. According to Oregon News, ten years ago, two ex-scouts paved the way for the events currently happening in our court system. The first scout, not named within articles, was awarded 20 million dollars. His courage to be the first to stand up inspired the ex-scout whose case managed to unveil more than 1,200 files of known abusers within the organization. These two boys came forth a decade ago through the Oregon legal system, and now hundreds more are pouring in revealing the horrendous actions of these trusted Scout leaders.

Many states within the U.S. have very different views on BSA (Boy Scouts of America), and the repercussions of the bankruptcy. In Texas, the Scouts believe that there will be no changes within the programs, and that despite the shame of this bankruptcy, they will continue. James Kretschmer was sexually abused in the mid-70s in Washington state. He believes that the Boy Scouts, at their core, are a “Beautiful Organization,” but despite that, he told *The Associated Press*, “...Anything can be corrupted, and if they’re not going to protect the people that they’ve entrusted with the children, then shut it down and move on.” Local councils in New Jersey also believe that this should not affect them, because they are not tied specifically to the national organization, since legally, these Scouts are separate. Jim Gillick, the Scout executive and CEO of the Jersey Shore Council, stated that nothing will change with the scouting experience within the Jersey Shore, and that their usual functioning projects, meetings, and other events will run as normal.

Regardless of how states react to the Boy Scouts of America’s bankruptcy, there will now be a mark in history for the organization with how many sexual assault charges were filed. Many news sources are encouraging people to come forward to “drive the nail further into their coffin.” Only time will tell whether or not the Scouts will still operate on a separate state-level organization as this story continues to unfold.

NEWS

Record Number of RA Applicants

BY DAVINA BELLINGER

CSP has seen a striking number in this year's RA applicants, with 46 students submitting applications. However there can only be 17 RAs next year. RA applicants like sophomore criminal justice major Maiyan Tapia said, “I applied because I wanted to be someone that made a difference and just be able to create a home away from home for others.” She hopes to get either Holst, Hyatt, and or Luther Hall. Tapia is also hoping to build long-lasting connections with other students and create an open environment where everyone feels welcomed.

Freshman ministry major Sam Ruth said, “I applied so I could be an active member in the community of CSP, and to have an impact on incoming freshmen. I think I'd be a good fit because I am likable and mature. I stay firm when it comes to the rules, but I'm not hard on people I'm responsible for.” He was one of the selected candidates that were accepted as next year's RA for Wollaeger Hall. Ruth hopes to gain better communication skills while connecting with the next group of upcoming freshmen.

Residence Life staff member Tess Stage is the Hyatt Corridor and Intramural Co-Coordinator at CSP. Stage was a part of the interview process when selecting candidates for next year. She explained that her favorite part of interviewing is, “For many students, this could be their first job interview! So, I commend all students who even apply and go through this process of interviewing. Seeing students bring their best self forward and share their story that we might not know from other interactions with them is my favorite part.” One thing that Stage is looking forward to for next year's RA's is, “New energy! Every year, new candidates bring in a level of energy and excitement that fuels a good team.”

Heidi Goettl has been the Director of Residence Life for 11.5 years, and Jake Wakem has been an Assistant Director of Residence Life for 2.5 years. Wakem said, “We believe that our current Resident Assistants have made an unbelievable impact on our campus and the communities they serve. They serve as role models, inspirations, and tone-setters. They know how to balance the job while still being an effective student.”

Residence Life had Residence Life Coordinators, who are graduate assistants, in the process this year. They directly supervise the RAs and know what is needed in each building. The coordinators led the group process and were present in the individual interviews, which depended on their schedules. The RA positions were announced to the applicants on February 24th. The candidates need to either accept or decline after spring break. Goettl said, “We strive to have all positions filled by housing selection day so next year's team can let friends know if they are looking for roommates or not and in which building.”

I asked Goettl and Wakem to explain what being an RA means to them. Wakem said, “An RA is someone who is there for others while knowing how to balance their own needs with the needs of residents. RAs serve as a role model in their actions and their words while inspiring those around them to be better.” Goettl added that, “An RA is more than programs, policy enforcement, and making students do one-on-ones. I see a student first who wants to leave a positive impact on the community. An RA cares for others and wants the best experience for their residents. They are balanced, flexible, and trainable.”

Sexual Assault Survivors Push Bill to Eliminate Statute of Limitations for Sex Crimes

BY HALLE MARTIN

Nearly one year ago, Sarah Super helped Ramsey County reshape the way law enforcement interacts with victims of sexual assault, which included sensitivity training for officers. As a victim of sexual abuse, Super has made it her priority to advocate for other victims. Now, she is moving forward with her support and advocacy for sexual assault survivors, along with Asma Mohammed (a fellow victim and advocacy director for Islamic Sisterhood for Empowerment) and Laura Stearns (one of the many victims of decades of sexual abuse and coverups within the Children's Theater Company).

The women are fighting back against sexual predators and giving survivors a chance to come forward by pushing a bill that would eliminate the statute of limitations for sex crimes in Minnesota. A statute of limitations is a set amount of time a victim has to press charges against their perpetrator. The statute of limitations can vary depending on the victim's age and the time which the assault took place. Additionally, the statute of limitations that was in place during the time of your assault would be applied to your case.

Currently, there is no statute of limitations for child sex crimes if you were under the age of twenty-four on or before May 23rd, 2013. Meaning, if you were assaulted as a child in 1988, your statute of limitations to take legal action against your offender has passed. If you were assaulted as an adult in Minnesota, your statute of limitations is only six years.

Given the immense trauma (often including fear, shame, and guilt), current statutes do not give sexual assault victims enough time to come forward, and these women are trying to change that. Asma Mohammed, who was assaulted when she was only twelve years old, told reporters that her statute of limitations expired before she even had the chance to process what had been done to her: “I can't report, this man went on to hurt other people. My testimony could never be used in a case against him. That's the reality of this bill. It could change lives. It could change who sees justice.”

The women shared that if the bill does pass, it will not pass retroactively, meaning cases that occurred prior to the potential bill will not be covered under the new statute of limitations. However, as Super explained, it will give back a choice that was taken from survivors going forward.



MN women pushing to eliminate sexual assault limitations statute. CREDIT: Victoria Turcios

NEWS

Utah Fights to Decriminalize Polygamy

BY KENNEDY WILLIAMS

The practice of polygamy has been frowned upon since the very beginning of basic law and cultural norms in the United States. However, the state of Utah is currently fighting to decriminalize polygamy among consenting adults by reducing the penalty from a felony that comes with five to fifteen years in prison to a slight infraction on par with a traffic ticket. On Tuesday, February 25th, the Utah state senate voted unanimously to pass the Republican-sponsored bill effectively. It then moved on to the Utah House of representatives, where it was passed on Wednesday. From there, it will move to the governor of Utah for the final decision.

Utah is nationally known for its dense population of Mormon citizens, hence its constant push on changing these laws that counter the traditional practice of the Mormon religion. Seventy-five to eighty percent of practicing Mormons are not members of polygamist households as the church disavowed polygamy in 1890. Still, there remains a large amount of Utah's population that does take part in plural marriage as a traditional practice. Apart from allowing citizens the freedom to define what marriage and family mean to them, this law will also help victims of abuse who belong to polygamous households to come forward without the fear of prosecution, according to Republican Senator Diedre Henderson.

While polygamy is seen as immoral by the general population of the United States, many citizens of Utah argue that plural marriage is a deep-rooted practice of their culture. Polygamist protestors hold up signs saying, “I'm a husband, a father, and a lover. Not a felon,” and, “We are consenting adults!” In a different setting, Brooke Shedd is a primary example as she tells her story of the perfect polygamous relationship along with partners Adam Lyons and Jane Shalakhova on *This Morning*. Shedd says that polygamy is often portrayed in the media solely as a negative thing. In reality, “It is perfectly acceptable for two men and a woman to be together, or for four people, or five people, or whatever.” These arguments have shifted the mindset of politicians, much like the move for the legalization of gay marriage in 2015. Protestors are taking the frowned-upon practice, personalizing it, and really making politicians think about why plural marriage is a crime.

This bill has been in the works since late August of 2019 when a columnist for the Salt Lake Tribune, Robert Gehrke, commented, “Utah should decriminalize polygamy, but legally it can't.” Gehrke traveled around the United States to learn more about polygamy and specifically why polygamist families were pulling their children out of school. According to Gehrke, criminalizing polygamy only makes these communities more insular. These various arguments for polygamy and the dense population of polygamist families in Utah make the likelihood of the passing of this bill very high. Whether this will have a positive or negative effect on the community is unclear at this time.

Poisoned Ivy League

BY ALEXANDRIA GOSEN

Prestigious Ivy League schools Harvard and Yale are under investigation with the US Education Department for failing to report millions of foreign donations in their taxes. This investigation is just another on the larger scale of investigations multiple US departments have been conducting on Ivy League schools. This particular investigation, however, is beginning to raise questions about how reliant these schools are on foreign funding.

According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the schools have yet to respond to the education department. The same article paraphrases the education department's description of said schools, reading, “. . . Higher education institutions in the US, in a document reviewed by the Journal, as ‘multibillion-dollar, multinational enterprises using opaque foundations, foreign campuses, and other sophisticated legal structures to generate revenue.”

It is a law that universities are to report to the education department foreign contracts and gifts that total, individually or together, \$250,000 or more in the calendar year. These universities in question are outright accused of soliciting money from foreign organizations that are known to be hostile to the United States. The accusers claim this is a reason for concern due to the risk of research theft, a spread of propaganda, and benefiting other governments.

Along with this investigation, recently, the chairman of Harvard's chemistry department was arrested on charges of lying about millions of dollars the Chinese donated to the program. At the same time, the US also disbursed a grand \$15 million to fund his research. This is the match that lit the fire. The professor's arrest is what led the education department to the scandal.

The education department also reported that Yale failed to report \$375 million in foreign funding. Yale, in fact, did not file any reports between the three years of 2014-17. The education department is now requesting from both schools financial reports regarding contributions from the following: Saudi Arabia, China, Peking University's Yenching Academy, the National University of Singapore, Qatar, Huawei Technologies Co., and ZTE Corp. of China, the Kaspersky Lab and Skolkovo Foundation of Russia, and many more.

It is said that the Trump administration and other authorities involved fears the repercussions of collaborating with China and other rivals. They claim that they are using their funding as an edge to gain knowledge that could potentially narrow their economic and/or military gaps with the United States.



Harvard & Yale in trouble of foreign donations CREDIT: Victoria Turcios

OPINIONS

Is the XFL worth watching?

BY JOSIAH OSIEMI

Vince McMahon’s XFL organization looks to become the new and improved football league of today, and to rival the near century-old NFL. He wishes for it to stand out with its changes to the rules, point system, and optional strategies, but is it worth watching? Being that the original XFL league was considered a “colossal failure” by McMahon himself, and with the failure of the AAF (Alliance of American Football) just last year, there is fertile ground for skepticism to be planted. However, the new XFL is something not only to be excited about, but also interested to see what it becomes of its plethora of potential.

The most notable element to the XFL is its system and formation changes. The kickoff, for example, is different than the NFL. In the NFL, the kicking team would run the entire field to tackle the receiving kicker while the receiving team had to block their opposers, whereas the XFL’s formation has the two teams lined up five yards apart from each other. I saw this as a safer way to utilize kickoffs because it combats dangerous, full speed player to player collisions, which have a higher risk of injury to the players. Another welcomed attribute is that there isn’t as much downtime in the XFL compared to the NFL. The time between individual plays is much shorter. Being that the NFL has so many ads, announcements, and downtime, games last a much longer time, which could make the game boring for some. However, XFL plays are so fast that it’s hard to determine when to run to the bathroom or grab some snacks, which isn’t necessarily a bad problem.

Along with its consistent and speedy play-calling, the XFL’s extra point system adds another layer of strategy to the game. After scoring a touchdown, the scoring team has the option to add on 1-3 extra points by scoring another touchdown. The variation of points relies on where the scoring team decides to place the ball. The 1-point mark is at the 2-yard line, the 2-point mark is at the 5-yard line, and the 3-point mark is at the 10-yard line. This is the most interesting element that differentiates the XFL from the NFL. It gives scoring teams the option to either play it safe with low points or play a high risk/high reward option by going for bigger points. It also gives defenders a chance to strategize their defense depending on which point mark the scoring team decides. This is not only a unique system that sets it apart from the NFL, but it also adds unpredictability and excitement to football that hasn’t been seen before.

Lastly, the NFL season is within the confines of fall and winter, and the XFL takes place during the spring. This is perfect for football fans who have to wait half a year to see their favorite teams take to the field once more. Although the XFL season is only ten

weeks and ends in April, it still gives fans exciting football to watch amidst the “dry season.” With all of the XFL’s attributes together, I’d say with much confidence, that the XFL is worth watching. Not only is it great football that can quench any football fans thirst during the NFL off-season, but it also adds enough new and thrilling elements to the game that would satisfy any pigskin fan. Although the league is still small and very new, I’ve seen enough potential in its first week to heartily recommend it.

The Parasite Controversy

BY ANNA FRITZE

History was made this year at the 2020 Oscars. The thriller *Parasite* was the first film of a foreign language to win best picture. The movie also won the Oscar for best international feature film, along with an array of other awards. Many people watching beamed along with Bong Joon-ho, the director of the film, as he said thank you to the crowds, smiled at his trophies, and said that he was “ready to drink tonight.” The crowd cheered for the director and the others involved, delighted to be in the room where history was being made.

Not everyone is happy with the movie’s awards; many are upset that *Parasite* was able to win both “best” titles. Making even more of a stir was President Donald Trump, who commented on the award show at a Trump rally in Colorado Springs, saying, “And the winner is... a movie from South Korea, what the hell was that all about?” The president went on to say, “Was it good? I don’t know,” and even asked to have *Gone With the Wind* back, a movie that is considered timeless, but would not take good standing if made today with its negative portrayal of slavery. Many people were upset with the president’s comments, and they wondered why he had more to say about an award show than the state of our country.

So, is it wrong that our best film was won by a foreign film that most Americans have to read subtitles to understand? Even I had to stop and think about it, not because of the subtitles, but because it is something that has never happened before. After some thought, the conclusion I drew was that it’s sort of odd that we have a separate award for foreign films in general. Why can’t a foreign film be the coveted best picture?

It is odd that we have the best picture and best foreign film, as though only an American film could be the very best. We definitely have great resources and great directors, but it was about time that someone reminded us that, despite Trump’s criticisms, America isn’t always the best at everything. We should stop worrying so much about the fact that a non-American film beat American films, and instead look positively at the fact that we have even more resources for great entertainment.

Why is the Democratic Party So Divided?

BY ANNA FRITZE

It’s the year of the next presidential election, and candidates are campaigning left and right. While November 3rd is still months away, Democrats are beginning to feel the fear and tension. They have an array of candidates shooting for the presidency, and while there is usually power in numbers, here that’s not quite the case. The Democratic Party is pretty divided in this race, and those who want Donald Trump out of the White House are getting nervous.

Right now, there is no clear answer to who will be the Democratic candidate. I watched the debates at the beginning of the race, and from what I heard, Elizabeth Warren was pulling ahead of the others. Now, Warren is ranked third, while Joe Biden stands in first, with Bernie Sanders close behind.

Why can’t those voting Democrats make a clear decision? Right now, the stakes are really high. While there are plenty of celebrities that openly talk about their hatred for Trump, there is also an unfortunately huge number of Trump supporters, who still stand behind him after a neverending list of quotes like, “But you know, I never did politics before. Now I do politics.” Thanks for that insight, Mr. President.

The Democrats want someone who has no question in their ability to beat Trump in the election. They want someone who can clearly win, someone who will have no issue taking on Trump and his comments on what their age or gender or looks are, someone who can talk politics like no other. Well, Sanders is a prime candidate, but he didn’t even beat Hillary Clinton in the last election, and she obviously didn’t beat Trump. People are upset that he’s our best bet, so they’re trying to find someone else to put their faith in. Right now, it seems as though different traits in the number of candidates appeal to different people.

Democrats recognize that with the perfect candidate or not, there are Republicans who don’t like Trump. A lot of Democrats are for the idea of candidates finding common ground with Republicans so they are more likely to get their votes as well. Sanders and Warren both do not seem to be doing that any time soon. The divide between wanting and not wanting to find common Republican ground is split about fifty-fifty. It seems no progress is being made there. For now, voters can be happy that the Democrats are at least acknowledging that they are divided. We can hope that they will be able to work together to have a candidate strong enough to go against Trump with some new ideas to appeal to both the Democrats and Republicans so that in a way, everyone can win.

SPORTS

Timberwolves Look Toward the Future After Roster Changes

BY ANDREW WYLIE

The Timberwolves started their 2019-2020 campaign with a little hope that their young core of Andrew Wiggins and Karl Anthony Towns could take the team in a promising direction. But, after the first few weeks, the season fell apart, and long losing streaks followed. New GM Gersson Rosas had seen enough and completely revamped the roster into a full-blown rebuilding project.

Rosas started by trading away ineffective point guard Jeff Teague and his large contract for Allan Crabbe. This was a trade mostly to get rid of Teague. Rosas then proceeded to trade his best trade-eligible asset in Robert Covington for Malik Beasley, Juancho Hernangomez, and a first-round draft pick in a massive four-team trade. The assets Rosas got in return are something that the Wolves can build their future on. Beasley contributed immediately and is playing with passion after being lost behind Denver’s deep bench.

The most surprising and welcome trade came shortly after when Rosas traded away Andrew Wiggins and his massive max contract to the Golden State Warriors as well as a future first-round pick for All-Star point guard D’Angelo Russell. Russell is one of the top point guards in the league and is also one of Karl Anthony Towns’ best friends. Wiggins was one of the most divisive Timberwolves in team history, as he constantly floated through games and played with low passion. Wiggins may eventually flourish in the high-class Warriors organization, but he was never going to make a positive difference in Minnesota.

The Wolves also were able to trade Gorgui Dieng and his high-priced contract in a three-team trade, receiving forward James Johnson in return.



Getting a good look at the Timberwolves at Target Center. CREDIT: Andrew Wylie

SPORTS

CSP Baseball Bounces Back at Tucson Invitational

BY BEN DIERS

After starting the season on a 0-4 slump, the Concordia, St. Paul Baseball team has bounced back and won four games in a row to bring their record to 4-4 for the season so far.

On February 21st and 22nd, the Bears began their season with a three-game series against fourth-ranked Central Missouri in Warrensburg, Missouri. The Bears were defeated handily in all three games, losing by scores of 11-1, 16-0, and 7-0, respectively.

On the following Wednesday, the Bears took on St. Cloud State in an afternoon doubleheader. The teams split these games with the Huskies winning the first game 7-0 and the Golden Bears taking the second game 7-6 to pick up their first win of the season.

From that point on, the Golden Bears have been red-hot. Starting on March 1st, the Bears began to play in the Tucson Invitational. In their first game, the Bears defeated Mount Mary (South Dakota) with a score of 9-5. In game two of the invitational, the Golden Bears cruised to an 18-0 victory over Presentation (South Dakota). The team continued their dominant streak with a 16-5 win over Northwestern (Iowa) in their third game of the invitational.

Leading the way for the Bears so far this season has been junior Ryan Christopher. Christopher has racked up 13 hits and eight runs while batting .464 in 28 at-bats this season. Sophomore Chandler Ibach has also impressed with his seven hits and two runs in just 14 at-bats. In total, six Bears with a minimum of 20 at-bats are hitting above .300 so far this season. Senior Patrick Bordewick has the team's only home run at this point in the season.

On the pitching side, senior Blake Stelzer has shined for Concordia. In his 9.1 innings pitched, Stelzer has only allowed nine hits, seven runs, and an ERA of .96.

On March 13, just a day before the Bears were set to begin conference play with a doubleheader against Duluth, it was announced that the rest of the NSIC baseball season had been cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the rest of the season called off, the Golden Bears finished 7th in the NSIC standings.

Golden Bears Women's Basketball Wraps Up Season

BY ISABELLA D'BURKE

With a 15-14 overall record, the Golden Bears Women's Basketball team certainly battled this season. The ladies had a roller-coaster season, going back and forth with wins and losses. The ladies finished the season with a 9-5 home game record and 6-8 away game record. Recently, the women ended their regular season with two wins against Winona State and Upper Iowa before falling to Northern State in overtime in the first round of the NSIC Tournament.

On Friday of the two-game weekend, the Bears won 66-47 against the Warriors by shooting 51.4%. Overall, they went 19-16 in turnovers and scored 25 points off of Winona's turnovers. Leading the ladies were Riley Wheatcraft and Sydney Schultz, both scoring 17 points throughout the game. After the win on Friday, the ladies followed up with a 90-39 win against Upper Iowa. Upper Iowa ended the game shooting 24.1%; the lowest Concordia has held a team since the 2014-15 season. The ladies' top scorers were Danielle Schaub, Sydney Zgutowicz, and Jadyn Hanson, with 14 points each.

After the regular season, the women sat top five in the conference for five categories. They are the best three-point shooters in the NSIC and rank fifth in assist/turnover ratio. They also have three women ranked in the NSIC: Riley Wheatcraft, Danielle Schaub, and Sidney Wentland. Leading the team and averaging 13.6 points per game, Wheatcraft is ranked 13th. Schaub is ranked 19th and is the team's second-leading scorer with 12.5 points per game. Finally, ranked 22nd is Wentland, scoring 12.2 points per game. With her success on the court and 3.93 GPA, junior Sidney Wentland was recently named to the 2020 Academic All-District Team. Wentland is majoring in sport psychology.

On February 26th, the Golden Bears took on the 13-15 Northern State Wolves in the first round of the NSIC Tournament. The game was hard fought throughout, eventually entering overtime with each team locked at 55. In overtime, the Wolves took control and went on to beat the Bears 72-68, knocking CSP out of the tournament in the first round.

CSP Lacrosse Season Cut Short After Stellar Start

BY JAID PERRY

The Lady Bear Lacrosse Team got off to an extraordinary start to their season. With four games under their belts, the Bears remain undefeated. While their win/loss statistics show their victorious start, the Bears have also added several other victories along the way, including finding an interim coach and becoming a nationally ranked team. Without the standout performances and teamwork of the Bears, these successes could never have happened.

This season, the Lady Bears have switched up the coaching staff a bit. Joe Nelson was appointed as the interim coach for the Bears in place of the previous coach, Heather Coppola. Nelson was the goalie coach for CSP in 2019 but has stepped into a larger role for the team this year. With his extensive knowledge and background in lacrosse, as well as being familiar with the team, Nelson has the potential to fill this spot in great ways. Along his side, Summer Fowler aids in commanding the Bears. Lydia Sutton and Remi Larson contribute as the assistant coaches this season.

For the first team ever in program history, CSP

has put their names onto the US Lacrosse Magazine ranking list! Sitting in the sixteenth spot, the Bears have earned themselves their first national mention on the Nike/US Lacrosse Magazine Division II Top-20 poll. Not only are they ranked as a team based on their overall performances, but the Bears have earned rankings amidst the nation's best in several statistical categories. The Golden Bears occupy the third spot in both scoring defenses (4.5 goals/game) and ground balls (31.75/game). In addition, they are fourth in save percentage (0.647), fifth in scoring margin (12.0), and seventh in caused turnovers (17.5/game). Impressively, the Bears also contribute to the list in the points category sitting in the 12th spot and scoring offense as well with a ranking of 14th. Just sneaking onto the list as #19 in assists earns the Lady Bears rankings in a total of nine statistical categories.

The rankings that the Bears received was due to their hard work and a strong start to the season. The victory over Colorado Mesa, a team ranked fourteenth in the nation, was crucial to the Bear's national ranking. Prior to this game, the Bears had lost thirteen games in a row to opponents that were ranked.

On March 13, the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) announced the cancellation of all athletic events through at least May 31, 2020 as a result of the COVID-19 threat. With the lacrosse season over, the Golden Bears were ranked #25 in the final Division II IWLC A poll of the season. Though they had been previously ranked in the US Lacrosse poll this season, this is the first time in program history that the Golden Bears have appeared on the coaches poll.

Wild Look To Make Postseason Push After Midseason Shakeup

BY ANDREW WYLIE

The Minnesota Wild, for the second straight year, has shaken up their team right before the trade deadline. Last year, GM Paul Fenton sent away team favorites Charlie Coyle, Nino Niederreiter, and Mikael Granlund. The main pieces the Wild got back were Ryan Donato, Victor Rask, and Kevin Fiala. The Wild eventually trailed off in the standings and missed the playoffs last season. The Wild and their fans had to watch many of their former core players get deep in the playoffs with their new teams and were left to wonder if they had lost all three of Fenton's big trades last season.

This season, the trades are starting to look a lot better for the Wild. Although Rask is a fixture on the bench, Kevin Fiala has turned his play around from an exciting player that turned the puck over too much to a must-watch goal machine. Fiala looks to have the skill set to be the star winger the Wild have been looking for since Marian Gaborik left over a decade ago. Ryan Donato is also starting to improve and is scoring in bunches as of late. The future looks bright for them both as well as for the Wild.

This season, the trade deadline had the Wild in a somewhat similar situation as the year before. The Wild were competing but were wildly inconsistent and were just a few games out of the 8th and final playoff seed. New GM Bill Geurin took a more measured look at his roster than his predecessor and traded the Wild's talented and popular forward Jason Zucker to Pittsburgh for a first-round draft pick, a quality defensive prospect, and the talented but underperforming Alex Galchunuk. Many analysts have called the trade a big win for both teams.

Guerin surprised many by firing the popular head coach Bruce Boudreau right before the trade deadline. The Wild will be coached by interim coach Dean Evanson for the remainder of the season. Guerin also made headlines by almost trading Zach Parise and his monster contract to the New York Islanders. However, the trade didn't materialize before the trade deadline expired.

Just like last year, the Wild are a few games out of the 8th and final playoff spot in the Western Conference. However, the future is looking a lot brighter this year than it has for a few seasons. Longtime goaltender Devan Dubnyk continued his uneven performance this year, leading to a lot of the inconsistency the Wild has experienced this season. However, since turning to backup Alex Stalock, they have stabilized one of their weakest positions.

The emergence of Fiala, Stalock, and Donato are certainly encouraging for this year's squad. The playoffs are in reach, and the Wild are playing some of their best hockey at the right time. The future is looking bright as the Wild will have their exciting young Russian forward Kirill Kaprizov make his debut next season. Kaprizov is a scoring machine, and the idea of him and Fiala working on the same line is the reason for Wild fans to be excited. Bill Guerin has shown that he is not afraid to make big moves and seems to have a good plan in place for the Wild to return to prominence in the NHL.



Houston Astros' Cheating Hits Home For the Twins

BY ANDREW WYLIE

Major League Baseball had one of the biggest scandals in its history this offseason with the revelation that the Houston Astros concocted a scheme to steal the signs from the opposing catcher to the pitcher with illegally placed cameras. The message was conveyed to the batter via banging on a garbage can.

The biggest advantage a pitcher has on a hitter is that the hitter doesn't know what is coming. Thus, this cheating gave the Astros an unprecedented advantage in countless games and helped them win a World Series Championship after the 2017 season. Baseball commissioner Rob Manfred came up with some punishment for the Astros organization but gave zero punishment for all the players that participated in the cheating. This lack of foresight has turned him into baseball public enemy number two behind the Astros players.

The star players of the 2017 team, like Jose Altuve and Alex Bregman, initially gave smug and deflection answers that treated the situation flippantly. After this backfired, they gave written statements that were again treated flippantly and with a noticeable lack of real contrition, which backfired for them even more.

Much to the chagrin of Manfred and the Astros, fans, as well as major league players from past and present, have taken to social media and interviews to torch the Astros for their cheating. Some players, like former Dodgers pitcher Yu Darvish, had career-defining moments against the Astros in that World Series. He had a rough performance and was seen at the time as a pitcher who couldn't perform when he needed to. This perception undoubtedly cost him his offseason contract and the teams that were interested in him.

Another victim was our very own Minnesota Twins. In the last offseason, Marwin Gonzalez signed a two-year \$21 million deal to be a capable defender who could play multiple positions. One of the main reasons the Twins signed him was because he came up big in the World Series for the Astros. The Twins brass even called him a World Series hero in their press conference with Marwin sitting next to them with a big smile.

Using a small sample size, a Houston Astros fan watched 58 of the team's home games in 2017 to count the amount of cheating each player did. According to his tally, Gonzalez finished as the biggest cheater on the Astros. He then used his clout to get a large contract with the Twins and was silent about the cheating all last year.

After the players' and fans' anger at the Astros grew, Marwin decided to be the first Astros player to apologize for his role in the scandal publicly. He read a PR statement at the Twins Spring Training facility in Fort Myers and at least appeared sincere. The apology was national news and led to other cheating Astros to read their own PR statements.

Since that time, the Twins have taken the same stance as the commissioner, banking on everyone moving on and forgetting about it. The Twins made a huge splash with the Josh Donaldson signing, and the team's focus remains on finding success this season.

This season is going to be intriguing just to see how forgiving and forgetting fans and affected players are going to be. It can be argued rather compellingly that there has never been a worse cheating scandal in baseball history, and that is saying a lot. And without any punishment at all brought down on the cheaters themselves like Marwin, it will be interesting to see how the season plays out.



Spring is here and so is baseball. CREDIT: Andrew Wylie

SPORTS

Intramural Basketball Crowns New Champions

BY JAID PERRY

After fall volleyball season, the intramural season switched over to basketball this winter. Despite it being “just intramurals,” games can get to be pretty intense. This winter, teams competed 3v3 on Tuesday nights and 5v5 on Thursday nights. The competition started Tuesday, January 28th for 3v3 and Thursday, January 30th for 5v5. The season concluded February 25th and the 27th with the championship matches.

Many components need to come together to have a successful season and ensure that everything is running smoothly. At the top, Tess Stage and Jacob Adams are the coordinators for intramurals. With these two, intramurals are made possible. Next, the intramural executive board, or EBoard for short, contributes to running the event each week. The EBoard works behind the scenes with Stage and Adams; they operate the check-in table and provide a friendly face (and snacks) to the participants and spectators. In addition, there are referees. When plays, games, and situations get messy, they are there to make the right calls and keep games as fair as possible. Lastly, the participants and spectators make all of the efforts worth it. They show up each week ready to give it their all and have fun while doing it.

Stage, a co-coordinator for intramural sports, had several great things to say about this season. In reflection of this season and the seasons in the 2019-2020 school year, she states, “The CSP intramural basketball season was awesome! There were ten teams for 3v3 and five teams for 5v5. This is the

first time we have ever tried to run two basketball leagues at the same time. Typically, we would choose either 3v3 or 5v5, but after last year there was such a divide in preference, so we decided to give it a shot with both! I want to acknowledge and applaud all of the participants for all of our sports this year (volleyball, soccer, & basketball). Jacob (co-coordinator), the EBoard team, and I really value participant feedback because they (the participants) are what fuel the success of intramurals.” She was overall happy with this year of intramural sports.

After battling it out for five weeks, only one team from each league can be victorious. In the 3v3 league, the winning team (Team One) consisted of Bruno Onyeukwu, Chris Garret, Nas Wado, Abiel Gebristokris, Ryan Barnett, and Darios Crawley-Reid. Crawley-Reid led the team in the championship match. “Team One” was able to gain the edge over The Golf Team, which held up an impressive effort all the way to the final buzzer.

In the other league, the winning team consisted of a few familiar faces from Tuesday nights. The winning team, Team Mamba, pulled out the win after a tough game. Isadore Stewart, Joseph Erickson, Jonathan Arko, Chris Garret, Darios Crawley-Reid, Christian Davis, DJ Perrin, Bruno Onyeukwu, and Jolie Dirkson all played a role in the success of Team Mamba.

To catch all of the updates and be entered into contests, follow the CSP intramural page on Instagram and Facebook!



All intramural basketball teams on 5v5 championship night. CREDIT: Nassr Alfara

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Book Review: Fablehaven

BY DAVINA BELLINGER

F*ablehaven* was written by Brandon Mull in 2007. This novel became a bestseller with four sequels to follow. The book takes place in Connecticut, where a sanctuary for the secret world of Fablehaven is hidden from the outside world. Mythical creatures such as malicious witches, vain fairies, mischievous naiads, roguish satyrs, horrid imps, hungry ogresses, avaricious trolls, lethal demons, and deadly goblins are sealed away deep into Fablehaven. However, fairies are allowed in the backyard of Sorenson's house. Caretakers Stan and Ruth Sorenson look after these creatures to keep everyone outside and inside of Fablehaven safe. Kendra and Seth Sorenson went to stay with their grandparents on their mother's side because their parents were going on a cruise.

When Kendra and Seth arrive at their grandparents' house, they are introduced to a couple of important characters within the novel. The two siblings meet Dale, who is the Fablehaven groundskeeper, and Lena, a housekeeper who has a secret that later is unfolded. Seth has more curiosity than Kendra because he wants to understand what these mythical creatures are like, and if he can meet one. One example from the novel was when Seth caught a fairy and trapped her into a jar and kept the fairy overnight. The next morning he discovers that she is no longer a beautiful fairy, but instead is an ugly imp. A terrible finding that puts Seth and everyone else in danger is that he eventually goes to Fablehaven and runs into Muriel Taggart, the antagonist of the story. She is a witch and is trying to free the most insidious creature of Fablehaven.

Overall, this novel is a great read for those interested in the fantasy genre. This book shows the importance of family and how they will always be there for one another no matter the obstacles facing them. I would also recommend reading the sequels because they follow smoothly with the storyline that the siblings are processing in their journey. The second book of the *Fablehaven*, *Rise of the Evening Star*, which begins with the end of the school year where Kendra and Seth return to their grandparents' house to uncover more secrets.



Fablehaven Book Review. CREDIT: Davina Bellinger

Come (Swing) Dance the Night Away!

BY ANNA FRITZE

The dance floor of the Ukraine Center is full and bustling as my friends and I enter together around 10:30 pm. TC Swing Dancing had started half an hour ago, and everything is already in full swing as we wove through people dancing full swing in the warm room. We all already had so many college memories from swing, and we were ready to make more.

TC Late Night Swing is run by Terry and Cindy Gardner every Thursday night from 10:00 pm to 2:00 am. They offer dance lessons beforehand for anyone who wants to learn the basics to dance the night away. There are an array of ages who attend, from young teens to Smooth AI, a 70-year-old man who always comes to “dance until he drops.” Don't worry if you're one that doesn't want to take the extra time for lessons but also doesn't want to just stand around all night.

Concordia students that go every week congregate in the same corner each time, and there is always someone willing to teach anyone the basics. I used to skip out each week because I didn't want to look stupid by standing there doing nothing. When I finally went, multiple understanding Concordia students were there to teach me the simple steps. While I was definitely no expert, it was one of the most enjoyable nights I had my freshman year. I talked to many people I had seen around school plenty of times but never officially met. The majority of the people there are also very friendly and willing to help, and most definitely will dance with anyone.

For anyone, a night at TC Swing holds multiple opportunities for fun and memory-making. You can laugh at the mistakes you make dancing on the floor, revel in the accomplishment you feel after a completed dance, or just chill and talk to friends on the sidelines. There are always people who will be willing to dance, and always those a little exhausted who are up for some conversation. TC includes line dances like Footloose and the Shim Sham. While these dances might be simple, they're loads of for people from the beginner to the expert level.

If you want to have some fun looking silly or dancing seriously, whether you consider yourself an expert dancer or you have two left feet, swing dancing is for you. No matter the night, you can leave with memories of laughter and fun. Come swing!



Swinging it with TC Swing Dancing. CREDIT: Anna Fritze

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Movie Review: The Assistant

BY MATTHEW IUNG

T*he Assistant*, written and directed by Kitty Green, is a striking look at the realities of what it means to lack agency and the institutional complicity that is present in systems of abuse. The film follows Jane, played by Julia Garner, through one complete workday at the production company she works for. Jane is the personal assistant to the company’s executive, who the audience never actually sees. The character of the executive is a menacing presence that, while we don’t see him on this particular workday, has is a sense of fear around him. He throws things at his workers, screams, and calls to berate his workers harshly. Jane’s relationship with her boss is strained; she is rarely acknowledged for her work and always settles with having to deal with the most difficult issues. The executive’s wife calls the office more than once, yelling and crying. Jane, not knowing how to respond, does her best trying to keep calm and respond evenly. It’s apparent that this is not the first time that this has occurred. Jane’s boss is quick to call and drives her to tears with the pressure he puts on her and his sharp rebuke. Throughout the film, we come to find that Jane’s job as an assistant is unpaid and that she is still a student who is trying to work her way up through this company and into the film industry. Jane’s position is a unique one because she is responsible for everything from packing her bosses’ bag to washing dishes; she has no power to make her voice heard. *The Assistant* is not a film about how assistants are the unsung heroes of every office or how they go unnoticed. This is a movie that is taking a very serious look at the way that women are and have been treated in the casting couch culture and Weinstein’s style of abuse. Though this is a serious and somewhat graphic subject, it’s dealt with through quiet and serious implications for Jane. Throughout the film, the entry of the office, men, women, assistants, and drivers all show that they know and understand that the Executive uses his position to abuse young women. The film’s pinnacle, and longest unbroken sequence, comes when Jane goes to HR to attempt not only to articulate her worries but see if something can be done about the abuse she is seeing. This is a tense scene, and Julia Garner is absolutely captivating in her uncomfortable attempts to get to the core of what she has to say. Even though it won’t come as a surprise to many audience members, it is still heart wrenching and disturbing when she is mocked by the man behind the HR desk. He tells her that she is smart and wouldn’t want to throw all of this away over something like what she thinks she is seeing. The emphasis on the entire office knowing what is happening shows just how many people it takes saying nothing for one man to be able to get away with whatever he wants. It’s painful to have to watch Jane struggle with how to cope and continue working there. She has no one to go to, and this compounded with the pressure from everyone around her forces her into silence. The movie runs about 90 minutes, and though that is short, it by no means detracts from the way the film drags its viewers through a day in Jane’s life. *The Assistant* will be a hard watch for some, and the truth is its not for everyone. If you are looking for a dark glimpse of a world that is not your own, I recommend this movie. It’s worth making clear though that its grim look at this subject means that nothing happens. Its not a #Metoo action move. It’s intended to portray the inner conflict of someone who is caught up in the system of abuse.



Reviewing "The Assistant" movie by Kitty Green. CREDIT: Victoria Turcios

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Food Review: due Focacceria

BY KALYNN FULLER

When restaurants reopen, sunlight pours in from the tall glass windows, beaming its rays onto the stark white walls, the dainty wooden tables, and the greenery that is gently placed around the new, Italian eatery: due Focacceria. This small but open Italian café envisions “a quick-casual, craft café, that’s usually on-the-go, yet appreciates the foundational pillars of enjoying life around the table. Trusted to bring above-average snacks, fashionably late to the party.” I chose to go to due Focacceria with my roommate after driving past their location, 475 Fairview Avenue South, and seeing how gorgeous the place was through their glass windows. Walking into the delicate café, I was greeted by Italian scents and gorgeous scenery, but I was very aware that I should not have been in casual attire. Nonetheless, the staff welcomed me with a hello and answered all of the questions I had about the menu. Their menu consists of mainly Italian meals, custom names for cocktails and cheese boards, and has different options for lunch, dinner, apreitvo, and digestivo. I highly recommend before going to do a little Google research about their menu and the Italian terms if they do not seem familiar.



Italian scents and basil pesto wraps at due Focacceria. CREDIT: Kalynn Fuller

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A lone student walks down the nearly empty campus. Photo Credit: Victoria Turcios